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# Good News

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## "I turned myself over to God"

George had made it – seven years with no drug use! He was clean, married and had a son. Life was good – for a little while.

But then, things began "going downhill" when his wife landed in the penitentiary. George was trying to be a father to his son and support the little family at the same time. But it was all just too much. "I was torn...I had to be a father and provide for my family, which took me away from them. And we didn't have God in our lives."

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## A Message From Eric Burger

### Eat. Love. Pray.

It's only September, but we're already getting ready for the holidays.

We'll need more than 80 turkeys for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinners here in Longview and in Tyler. In the days and weeks before Thanksgiving, we'll need hundreds of volunteers.

And, we need prayers.

Prayers that the food we need will be provided. Prayers that we'll have enough room for all the new folks coming our way.

Most of all, prayers that those who join us for a meal or shelter will stay on and enter the programs that can get them into a right relationship with the Lord and back on their feet!

You can help by donating food, or making a gift to purchase it. Or, bring your family or church group to volunteer, especially before the holidays. Finally, please

pray – for our staff and for those in our community who need His help to find better lives.



Road to a New Life  
Starts Here


Rev. Eric Burger  
Executive Director

### You can help by purchasing one or more of these items and donating them to the Mission this Thanksgiving!

Here are a few of our most urgent food needs for Thanksgiving:

Donations can be dropped off at the Mission at 3117 W. Marshall. For more information, call **(903) 759-8101**.



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- 80 Turkeys
  - 20 #10 cans of sweet potatoes or yams
  - 20 #10 cans of green beans
  - 20 #10 cans of cranberry sauce
  - 40 cans of cream of mushroom soup
  - 50 lbs of fried onions
  - 100 pumpkin pies
  - 20 lbs of butter
  - 50 lb bag of white onions
  - Chicken broth



### “Brother, can you spare a dime?”

You're too young to remember this song that became the anthem of the Great Depression in the early 1930's.

Back then, 10¢ would buy a box of cereal, two loaves of bread, a pound of hamburger or two cups of coffee!

Today, a cup of coffee can set you back \$2 or more.

But here at Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, you can still provide a hungry person with a full home-cooked meal for just \$1.79!

\$19.69 will feed 11 people. For \$50.12, you can provide food and care for 28!

**Providing a meal is not our only goal.** Every donation you make helps provide food, shelter, education, job training, health care and access to all the other services that can put an individual – or an entire family – back on their feet!

So please, make a gift today. Use the enclosed envelope, or give online at [www.Hiway80Mission.org](http://www.Hiway80Mission.org).

**Thank you!**





George continued >>>

When Child Protective Services became involved, George did the right thing – he turned custody of his son over to his parents.

But that didn't ease George's mental and emotional pain – in fact, it made it worse.

**“I started using again.”**

George went back to using meth – a highly addictive narcotic. Then, to get off the meth he began using synthetic marijuana, K2. But that was just as bad as meth!

## The K2 Threat

K2, or “Spice” as it's sometimes called, is a mixture of herbs, spices or shredded plant material that is sprayed with a synthetic compound chemically similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. K2 addiction is a very serious issue in our community because it is sold through stores and easy to obtain. We see firsthand at the Mission how it can destroy lives like George's.

Eventually, George's drug use cost him his job. But when that door closed, another opened. His former boss, who was also in recovery, suggested he come here to the Mission! It was less than a week before Christmas when George came here and turned his life over to God.

**Just a month later, he was baptized!**

## 7 weeks of faith and fun at Camp Rescue

54 children, some of them homeless and living here at our Women & Families Shelter, joined caring Christian counselors at “Camp Rescue” for seven weeks of fun and faith. Daily activities included nutritious meals, Bible study and games. There were also great field trips to Splash Pad, the zoo, the fire station, and the pool. Our thanks, and the children's, to all those who donated to make this summer retreat possible, and to the counselors who demonstrated God's love in very real ways.



“Today, I know that God loves me, no matter what!” he says. George is depending on God to guide his steps from here on out, just as is promised in Isaiah 40:31... “but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

**“Sharing God with my son.”**

George had never been a church-goer. Maybe that's why his experience here at the Mission has been so different. “Now I know so much more about Jesus and God, and I've been taking it home to my son. I got to tell him the story of Genesis 9:11 – the promise of the rainbow. This place has given me peace with myself, with the things that happened in my marriage.”

George received great news not long before we did this interview – Child Protective Services is no longer involved in his life. “I never lost custody of him...and now we're going to be a family again and have God in our lives!” he says with a smile.



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## Celebrating New Lives at Graduation

What a blessing to celebrate 15 men graduating from our year-long New Life Program! Our recent graduates are Chuck Arnold, Michael Arnold, Jerry Carrell, Robert Coleman, Ruben Copeland, Kevin Fant, Mike Henry, Donald Hooper, Tony Hunt, Michael Lyons, Kaylon McKay, David Mims, Terrance Netty, George Rider and Tommy Walls. Terrance Netty won the Mickey Melton \$500 Scholarship to help with his education; right now, he works and attends college full-time. Thank you for your support of these men on their journey from despair to new lives full of hope!

## Leave a lasting legacy

While many individuals provide a lifetime of generous gifts for family, friends and organizations they care about, over half of U.S. adults do not have a will or other estate plan.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the laws in the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished, especially if your desire was not only to care for those you

leave behind, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed. For information on planned giving opportunities, please call Eric Burger at **(903) 759-8101**.

If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say "thank you."



## Here's my 2015 Annual Thanksgiving Campaign gift:

- \$19.69 to feed and care for 11 people
- \$50.12 to feed and care for 28 people
- \$75.18 to feed and care for 42 people
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check enclosed     Bill my credit card

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